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1. AT JUNE 23 POLADS MEETING, MOST REPS INDICATED THEY COULD ACCEPT THE FRG PROPOSAL THAT ALLIES PREPARE FULLER DOCUMENTATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR BELGRADE MAIN MEETING THROUGH A QUESTIONNAIRE THAT WOULD BE SENT TO ALLIED EMBASSIES IN EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS AND ANSWERED COLLECTIVELY IN THE SAME MANNER AS EARLIER QUESTIONNAIRES ON HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. HOWEVER, MOST REPS SHOWED LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS PROJECT IN VIEW OF VOLUME OF OTHER WORK ON PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE. SOME REPS ALSO CONFIDENTIAL

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NOTED LIMITED PERSONNEL RESOURCES OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF FOR CSCE WORK DURING THE SUMMER TURNOVER, AND CONCERN THAT NEED TO COLLATE RESPONSES TO HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONNAIRE MIGHT DETRACT FROM WORK ON OTHER CSCE PAPERS.

2. FRENCH REP SAID HER AUTHORITIES DID NOT WANT TO ACCEPT AN OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A COLLECTIVE ALLIED IN-

QUIRY INTO HUMAN RIGHTS IN EASTERN EUROPE. CANADIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES DID NOT FAVOR FRG SUGGESTION, AND, IN ANY EVENT, WOULD NOT WISH THIS PROJECT TO GET UNDERWAY UNTIL PERMREPS DISCUSS CANADIAN PERMREP'S REMARKS AT LUNCH ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE(SEPTEL, NOTAL). ITALIAN REP SAID EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY SO THAT THE EASTERN EUROPEANS DO NOT LEARN ABOUT ALLIES' HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONNAIRE. US AND OTHER REPS URGED THAT ANY OUESTIONNAIRE BE BRIEF AND UNCOMPLICATED.

3. NOTING IMPORTANCE HIS AUTHORITIES ATTACH TO THIS PROJECT AND NEED TO MOVE PROMPTLY IF IT IS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE BELGRADE II, FRG REP SAID HE WOULD CIRCULATE BRIEF QUESTIONNAIRE AT NEXT POLADS MEETING. IF ALLIES DESIRED, FRG EMBASSIES IN EASTERN EUROPE COULD UNDERTAKE, IN CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIED COLLEAGUES, TO PREPARE SINGLE COLLECTIVE RESPONSE THAT WOULD REDUCE ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF. STREATOR

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